

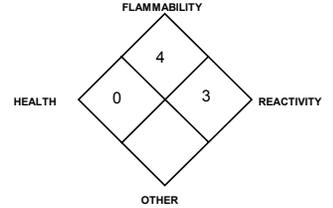


# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Prepared to U.S. OSHA, CMA, ANSI and Canadian WHMIS Standards

**GAS DISSOLVED IN  
ACETONE**

**NFPA RATING**



## **PART I** *What is the material and what do I need to know in an emergency?*

### 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

CHEMICAL NAME; CLASS:

**ACETYLENE - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>**

Document Number: 1001

PRODUCT USE:

For general analytical/synthetic chemical uses.

SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER'S NAME:

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### 2. COMPOSITION and INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	mole %	EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR					OTHER
			ACGIH		OSHA			
			TLV ppm	STEL ppm	PEL ppm	STEL ppm	IDLH ppm	
Acetylene	74-86-2	>99	Simple Asphyxiant		NE	NE	NE	NIOSH REL: 2500 ppm, ceiling Matheson maximum recommended limit for exposure: 5000 ppm
Maximum Impurities		< 0.4	None of the trace impurities in this mixture contribute significantly to the hazards associated with the product. All hazard information pertinent to this product has been provided in this Material Safety Data Sheet, per the requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) and State equivalent standards.					

NE = Not Established

C = Ceiling Limit

See Section 16 for Definitions of Terms Used.

NOTE: all WHMIS required information is included. It is located in appropriate sections based on the ANSI Z400.1-1993 format.

### 3. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:** Acetylene is a colorless, flammable gas, with a garlic-like odor, that is dissolved in acetone. The main health hazard associated with a release of this gas is asphyxiation by displacement of oxygen. Acetylene gas poses an extreme fire hazard when accidentally released. The gas is lighter than air, and may spread long distances. Distant ignition and flashback are possible. Flame or high temperature impinging on a localized area of the cylinder of this product can cause the cylinder to explode without activating the cylinder's relief devices. Acetylene gas may decompose explosively at elevated temperatures and pressures. Acetylene can form very explosive metallic salts (such as with copper, mercury, and silver). Provide adequate fire protection during emergency response situations.

**SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:**  
The most significant route of overexposure for this gas is by inhalation. The following paragraphs describe symptoms of exposure by route of exposure.

**INHALATION:** At concentration below the LEL of 2.5% (25000 ppm) this gas is essentially non-toxic. At higher concentrations, Acetylene has anesthetic effects. Symptoms of overexposure to such high concentrations may include drowsiness, dizziness, and a general feeling of weakness. High concentrations of this gas can cause an oxygen-deficient environment. Individuals breathing such an atmosphere may experience symptoms which include headaches, ringing in ears, dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, nausea, vomiting, and depression of all the senses. The skin of a victim of overexposure may have a blue color. Under some circumstances of overexposure, death may occur. The following effects associated with various levels of oxygen are as follows:

<b>CONCENTRATION</b>	<b>SYMPTOMS OF EXPOSURE</b>
12-16% Oxygen:	Breathing and pulse rate increased, muscular coordination slightly disturbed.
10-14% Oxygen:	Emotional upset, abnormal fatigue, disturbed respiration.
6-10% Oxygen:	Nausea and vomiting, collapse or loss of consciousness.
Below 6%:	Convulsive movements, possible respiratory collapse, and death.

When administered with oxygen at concentrations of 10% or greater, Acetylene produces varying degrees of temporary narcosis.

**OTHER POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:** The gas is generally non-irritating to the skin and eyes. Acetylene is dissolved in acetone. Any skin or eye contact with the acetone component of this product may be slightly irritating to contaminated skin or eyes.

**HEALTH EFFECTS OR RISKS FROM EXPOSURE:** An Explanation in **Lay Terms**. Overexposure to Acetylene may cause the following health effects:

**ACUTE:** The most significant hazard associated with Acetylene is inhalation of oxygen-deficient atmospheres. Symptoms of oxygen deficiency include respiratory difficulty, ringing in ears, headaches, shortness of breath, wheezing, headache, dizziness, indigestion, and nausea. At high concentrations, unconsciousness or death may occur.

**CHRONIC:** There are currently no known adverse health effects associated with chronic exposure to the components of this compressed gas.

**TARGET ORGANS:** Respiratory system, central nervous system.

<b>HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM</b>			
<b>HEALTH</b>		(BLUE)	1
<b>FLAMMABILITY</b>		(RED)	4
<b>REACTIVITY</b>		(YELLOW)	3
<b>PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT</b>			B
EYES	RESPIRATORY	HANDS	BODY
	See Section 8		See Section 8
For routine industrial applications			

**See Section 16 for Definition of Ratings**

## PART II *What should I do if a hazardous situation occurs?*

### 4. FIRST-AID MEASURES

**RESCUERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE VICTIMS OF EXPOSURE TO ACETYLENE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. At a minimum, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and Fire-Retardant Personal Protective equipment should be worn. Adequate fire protection must be provided during rescue situations.**

Remove victim(s) to fresh air, as quickly as possible. Trained personnel should administer supplemental oxygen and/or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, if necessary. Only trained personnel should administer supplemental oxygen.

**SKIN EXPOSURE:** If the liquid portion of this product (acetone) is spilled on skin, immediately begin decontamination with running water. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes. Remove exposed or contaminated clothing, taking care not to contaminate eyes. Victim must seek immediate medical attention if redness or irritation develops.

**EYE EXPOSURE:** If the liquid portion of this product (acetone) splashes into eyes, open victim's eyes while under gentle running water. Use sufficient force to open eyelids. Have victim "roll" eyes. Minimum flushing is for 15 minutes.

Victim(s) must be taken for medical attention. Rescuers should be taken for medical attention, if necessary. Take copy of label and MSDS to physician or other health professional with victim(s).

### 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

**FLASH POINT (Closed Cup):** 0°C (32°F)

**AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:** 305°C (581°F)

**FLAMMABLE LIMITS (in air by volume, %):**

Lower (LEL): 2.5%

Upper (UEL): 82%

100% with substantial energy source and under certain conditions of pressure, container size and shape.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS:** Extinguish fires of this gas by shutting-off the source of the gas. Use water spray to cool fire-exposed structures and equipment.

**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** When involved in a fire, this material ignites to produce toxic gases including carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. Acetylene gas is extremely flammable and can readily form explosive mixtures with air over a very wide range. An explosion hazard exists in confined spaces when the gas is released. Pure Acetylene can explode under certain conditions of elevated pressure, temperature and container size. Acetylene reacts with active metals to form explosive acetylide compounds.

**DANGER!** Fires impinging (direct flame) on the outside surface of unprotected pressure storage vessels of Acetylene can be very dangerous. Direct flame exposure on the cylinder wall can cause an explosion either by BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion), or by exothermic decomposition. This could cause a catastrophic failure of the vessel releasing the contents into a massive fireball and explosion. The resulting fire and explosion can result in severe equipment damage and personnel injury or death over a large area around the vessel. For massive fires in large areas, use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles; if this is not possible, withdraw from area and allow fire to burn.

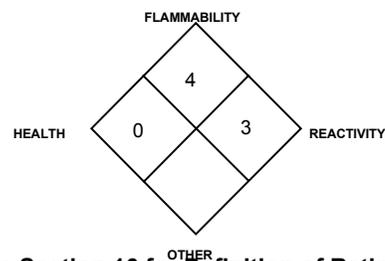
Explosion Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact: Not Sensitive.

Explosion Sensitivity to Static Discharge: Static discharge may cause this gas to ignite explosively, if released.

**SPECIAL FIRE-FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** The best fire-fighting technique may be simply to let the burning gas escape from the pressurized cylinder, tank car, or pipeline. Stop the leak before extinguishing fire. If the fire is extinguished before the leak is sealed, the still-leaking gas could explosively re-ignite without warning and cause extensive damage, injury, or fatality. In this case, increase ventilation (in enclosed areas) to prevent flammable or explosive mixture formation. Structural fire-fighters must wear Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and full protective equipment. Because of the potential for a BLEVE, evacuation of non-emergency personnel is essential. If water is not available for cooling or protection of vessel exposures, evacuate the area. Refer to the North American Emergency Response Guidebook (Guide #116).

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**SPILL AND LEAK RESPONSE:** Uncontrolled releases should be responded to by trained personnel using pre-planned procedures. Proper protective equipment should be used. In case of a release, clear the affected area and protect people. Adequate fire protection must be provided.

Minimum Personal Protective Equipment should be **Level B: fire-retardant protective clothing, mechanically-resistant gloves and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**. Use only non-sparking tools and equipment. Locate and seal the source of the leaking gas. Protect personnel attempting the shut-off with water-spray. Allow the gas to dissipate. Monitor the surrounding area for oxygen and combustible gas levels. Combustible gas concentration must be below 10% of the LEL (LEL = 2.5%) prior to entry of any response personnel. The atmosphere must have at least 19.5 percent oxygen before personnel can be allowed in the area without Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Attempt to close the main source valve prior to entering the area. If this does not stop the release (or if it is not possible to reach the valve), allow the gas to release in-place or remove it to a safe area and allow the gas to be released there.

**THIS IS AN EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE GAS.** Protection of all personnel and the area must be maintained.

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## PART III *How can I prevent hazardous situation from occurring?*

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### 7. HANDLING and STORAGE

**WORK PRACTICES AND HYGIENE PRACTICES:** As with all chemicals, avoid getting Acetylene IN YOU. Do not eat or drink while handling chemicals. Be aware of any signs of dizziness or fatigue; exposures to fatal concentrations of Acetylene could occur without any significant warning symptoms.

**STORAGE AND HANDLING PRACTICES:** Cylinders should be stored in dry, well-ventilated areas away from sources of heat. Compressed gases can present significant safety hazards. Store containers away from heavily trafficked areas and emergency exits. Post "No Smoking or Open Flames" signs in storage or use areas. Avoid storage for over six months and keep the smallest amount necessary on-site at any one-time. In the United States, cylinders of Acetylene stored inside buildings at the locations of use, must be limited to a total capacity of 2500 ft<sup>3</sup> (70m<sup>3</sup>). In Canada, the limit is for a total capacity of 2160 ft<sup>3</sup> (60 m<sup>3</sup>) in non-sprinklered buildings and 6130 ft<sup>3</sup> (170 m<sup>3</sup>) in building with sprinkler systems. After these quantities are exceeded, a special room must be built for the storage of Acetylene. Consider installation of leak detection and alarm for storage area. Cylinders should be stored upright and be firmly secured to prevent falling or being knocked over. This will prevent acetone from being released from the cylinder. Cylinders can be stored in the open, but in such cases, should be protected against extremes of weather and from the dampness of the ground to prevent rusting.

Use non-sparking ventilation systems, approved explosion-proof equipment, and appropriate electrical systems. Keep the quantity stored as small as possible. Store away from process and production areas, away from elevators, building and room exits or main aisles leading to exits. Keep storage area clear of materials which can burn. Have appropriate extinguishing equipment in the storage area (e.g., sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers).

It is important to note that Acetylene, in its free state, under pressure, may decompose violently. The higher the pressure, the smaller the initial force necessary to cause a reaction. Therefore, **never use the free gas outside the cylinder at pressures in excess of 15 psig**. If pressures exceeding this limit are utilized, special explosion and fire safety precautions must be implemented.

**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING GAS CYLINDERS:** Protect cylinders against physical damage. Store in cool, dry, well-ventilated area, away from sources of heat, ignition and direct sunlight. Do not allow area where cylinders are stored to exceed 52°C (125°F). Isolate from halogens and oxidizers such as oxygen, chlorine, or fluorine. Use a check valve or trap in the discharge line to prevent hazardous backflow. Never tamper with pressure relief devices in valves and cylinders. Electrical equipment should be non-sparking or explosion proof. The following rules are applicable to work situations in which cylinders are being used:

**Before Use:** Move cylinders with a suitable hand-truck. Do not drag, slide or roll cylinders. Do not drop cylinders or permit them to strike each other. Secure cylinders firmly. Leave the valve protection cap (where provided) in-place until cylinder is ready for use.

**During Use:** Use designated CGA fittings and other support equipment. Do not use adapters. Do not heat cylinder by any means to increase the discharge rate of the product from the cylinder. Use check valve or trap in discharge line to prevent hazardous backflow into the cylinder. Do not use oils or grease on gas-handling fittings or equipment.

**After Use:** Close main cylinder valve. Valves should be closed tightly, to prevent evaporation of acetone. Replace valve protection cap. Mark empty cylinders "EMPTY".

## 7. HANDLING and STORAGE (Continued)

**NOTE:** Use only DOT or ASME code containers designed for acetylene storage. Earth-ground and bond all lines and equipment associated with this product. Close valve after each use and when empty. Cylinders must not be recharged except by or with the consent of owner. For additional information refer to the Compressed Gas Association Pamphlet P-1, *Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers*. Additionally, refer to CGA Bulletin SB-2 "Oxygen Deficient Atmospheres" and NFPA Bulletin 58.

For welding and brazing operations, refer to ANSI Z-49.1 "Safety in Welding and Cutting" and OSHA safety regulations for welding, cutting, and brazing (29 CFR 1910.252).

PROTECTIVE PRACTICES DURING MAINTENANCE OF CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT: Follow practices indicated in Section 6 (Accidental Release Measures). Make certain application equipment is locked and tagged-out safely. Purge gas handling equipment with inert gas (e.g., nitrogen) before attempting repairs.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS - PERSONAL PROTECTION

VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING CONTROLS: Use with adequate ventilation to ensure oxygen levels are above 19.5% in the work area. Local exhaust ventilation is preferred, because it prevents Acetylene dispersion into the work place by eliminating it at its source. If appropriate, install automatic monitoring equipment to detect the level of oxygen and the presence of potentially explosive air-gas mixtures.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION: Maintain oxygen levels above 19.5% in the workplace. Use supplied air respiratory protection if oxygen levels are below 19.5% or during emergency response to a release of Acetylene. If respiratory protection is required, follow the requirements of the Federal OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134), or equivalent State standards.

EYE PROTECTION: Splash goggles or safety glasses, for protection from rapidly expanding gases and splashes of the acetone.

HAND PROTECTION: Wear mechanically-resistant gloves when handling cylinders of Acetylene. Wear Solvex or neoprene gloves if operations could lead to a potential exposure to acetone.

BODY PROTECTION: Use body protection appropriate for task. Transfer of large quantities under pressure may require protective equipment appropriate to protect employees from splashes of liquefied product, as well as fire retardant items.

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## 9. PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

VAPOR DENSITY (@ 0°C): 1.1716 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.073 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)

SPECIFIC GRAVITY (air = 1): 0.906

SOLUBILITY IN WATER @0°C (32°F) 1 atm: 1.7 vol/vol

EVAPORATION RATE (nBuAc = 1): Not applicable.

ODOR THRESHOLD (Detection): 226 ppm

COEFFICIENT WATER/OIL DISTRIBUTION: Not applicable.

pH: Not applicable.

FREEZING POINT (@ 10 psig): -119°C (-182°F)

BOILING POINT: -84°C (-118°F) [sublimes]

EXPANSION RATIO: Not applicable.

VAPOR PRESSURE (psia): 649.6

SPECIFIC VOLUME (ft<sup>3</sup>/lb): 14.7

APPEARANCE AND COLOR: Colorless gas with a garlic-like, odor dissolved in acetone.

HOW TO DETECT THIS SUBSTANCE (warning properties): There are no distinct warning properties. In terms of leak detection, fittings and joints can be painted with a soap solution to detect leaks, which will be indicated by a bubble formation.

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## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY

STABILITY: Acetylene is stable at standard temperatures and pressures. Gaseous acetylene may decompose violently at elevated temperatures and pressures. Acetylene must not be used above pressure greater than 15 psig. The higher the pressure, the more likely it is for a reaction to occur.

DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: Carbon and hydrogen. When ignited in the presence of oxygen, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide are formed.

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## 10. STABILITY and REACTIVITY (Continued)

**MATERIALS WITH WHICH SUBSTANCE IS INCOMPATIBLE:** Acetylene is not compatible with the following materials. Strong oxidizers (e.g. chlorine, bromine pentafluoride, oxygen, oxygen difluoride, and nitrogen trifluoride), brass (with a copper content exceeding 65%), calcium hypochlorite, various heavy metals (copper, silver, mercury) and the salts of these metals, halogens (bromine, chlorine, iodine, fluorine), hydrides (e.g. sodium hydride, cesium hydride), ozone, perchloric acid; potassium.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** Can occur when heated or under pressure.

**CONDITIONS TO AVOID:** Contact with incompatible materials and exposure to heat, sparks and other sources of ignition. Cylinders exposed to high temperatures or direct flame can rupture or burst. Liquid nitrogen should not be used as a trap, as it may cause acetylene to condense to its liquid or solid state, both of which are explosive.

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## PART IV *Is there any other useful information about this material?*

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### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**TOXICITY DATA:** The following information is for Acetylene.

TCLo (inhalation, human) = 20 pph; central nervous system, respiratory system effects.

LCLo (inhalation, human) = 50 pph/5 minutes

LCLo (inhalation, human) = 500,000 ppm/5 minutes

Other data pertaining to the effects of Acetylene inhalation on humans are as follows:

<u>Concentration</u>	<u>Symptom</u>
100,000 ppm	Intoxication (drowsiness, dizziness, giddiness).
200,000 ppm	Severe intoxication.
300,000 ppm	Loss of coordination.
350,000 ppm	Unconsciousness after 5 minutes of exposure.

**Effects on Short-Term Inhalation:** Animals have shown tolerance to 10% Acetylene. In studies with dogs, cats, and rabbits, Acetylene acts as an anesthetic at 20% exposure. Recovery occurs if the oxygen level is maintained. In an oxygen-deficient environment, death may occur after 5-10 minutes. Rodents exposed to 25, 50, and 80 percent Acetylene in oxygen for 1-2 hours daily (93 hours total exposure), evidenced no weight change or cellular damage. Mixtures of 80% Acetylene/20% oxygen caused a rise in blood pressure in an exposed cat.

**SUSPECTED CANCER AGENT:** Acetylene is not found on the following lists: FEDERAL OSHA Z LIST, NTP, IARC, CAL/OSHA, and therefore is not considered to be, nor suspected to be a cancer-causing agent by these agencies.

**IRRITANCY OF PRODUCT:** Acetylene is not irritating; however, contact with the acetone component of Acetylene can be slightly irritating to contaminated skin or eyes.

**SENSITIZATION TO THE PRODUCT:** Acetylene is not known to cause sensitization in humans.

**REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY INFORMATION:** Listed below is information concerning the effects Acetylene on the human reproductive system.

**Mutagenicity:** No mutagenicity effects have been described for Acetylene.

**Embryotoxicity:** No embryotoxic effects have been described for Acetylene.

**Teratogenicity:** No teratogenicity effects have been described for Acetylene.

**Reproductive Toxicity:** No reproductive toxicity effects have been described for Acetylene.

*A **mutagen** is a chemical which causes permanent changes to genetic material (DNA) such that the changes will propagate through generation lines. An **embryotoxin** is a chemical which causes damage to a developing embryo (i.e. within the first eight weeks of pregnancy in humans), but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **teratogen** is a chemical which causes damage to a developing fetus, but the damage does not propagate across generational lines. A **reproductive toxin** is any substance which interferes in any way with the reproductive process.*

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:** Acute or chronic respiratory conditions may be aggravated by overexposure to the components of Acetylene.

**BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE INDICES (BEIs):** Currently, Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) are not applicable for this gas.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PHYSICIANS:** Administer oxygen, if necessary. Treat symptoms and eliminate exposure.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL STABILITY: This gas will be dissipated rapidly in well-ventilated areas. The following environmental data are available for this gas.

ACETYLENE: Water Solubility = 100 vol./100 vol. at 18 EC. Acetylene is not expected to be harmful to aquatic life. Only moderately toxic to fish. Volatility and low solubility suggest it would be rare for water to become critically polluted from accidental releases. Acetylene is biodegraded through various plant and bacterial systems by inactivating atmospheric acetylene through their nitrogen-fixing mechanisms.

EFFECT OF MATERIAL ON PLANTS or ANIMALS: Any adverse effect on animals would be related to oxygen deficient environments and the anesthetic properties of Acetylene at high concentrations of exposure. The following data are available for effects on plant-life:

Sweet pea: declination in seedling: 250 ppm, 3 days

Tomato: Epinasty in petiole: 50 ppm, 2 days.

EFFECT OF CHEMICAL ON AQUATIC LIFE: The following aquatic toxicity data are available for Acetylene.

LC50 (river trout): 33 hours, 200 mg/L

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

PREPARING WASTES FOR DISPOSAL: Waste disposal must be in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. Do not dispose of locally.

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## 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

THIS MATERIAL IS HAZARDOUS AS DEFINED BY 49 CFR 172.101 BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

<u>PROPER SHIPPING NAME:</u>	Acetylene, dissolved
<u>HAZARD CLASS NUMBER and DESCRIPTION:</u>	2.1 (Flammable Gas)
<u>UN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</u>	UN 1001
<u>PACKING GROUP:</u>	Not Applicable
<u>DOT LABEL(S) REQUIRED:</u>	Flammable Gas

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MARINE POLLUTANT: Acetylene is not classified by the DOT as a Marine Pollutant (as defined by 49 CFR 172.101, Appendix B).

TRANSPORT CANADA TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS: THIS MATERIAL IS CONSIDERED AS DANGEROUS GOODS. Use the above information for the preparation of Canadian Shipments.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. SARA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Acetylene is not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 302, 304, and 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.

U.S. SARA THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY: Not applicable.

U.S. CERCLA REPORTABLE QUANTITY (RQ): Not applicable.

CANADIAN DSL/NDL INVENTORY STATUS: Acetylene is on the DSL Inventory.

U.S. TSCA INVENTORY STATUS: Acetylene is on the TSCA Inventory.

OTHER U.S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS: Acetylene is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The Threshold Quantity for this gas is 10,000 lb. Depending on specific operations involving the use of Acetylene, the regulations of the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals may be applicable (29 CFR 1910.119). Under this regulation Acetylene is not listed in Appendix A, however, any process that involves a flammable gas on-site, in one location, in quantities of 10,000 lb (4,553 kg) or greater is covered under this regulation unless it is used as a fuel.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION (Continued)

U.S. STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION: Acetylene is covered under specific State regulations, as denoted below:

**Alaska - Designated Toxic and Hazardous Substances:** Acetylene.

**California - Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants:** Acetylene.

**Florida - Substance List:** Acetylene.

**Illinois - Toxic Substance List:** Acetylene.

**Kansas - Section 302/313 List:** No.

**Massachusetts - Substance List:** Acetylene.

**Michigan - Critical Materials Register:** No.

**Minnesota - List of Hazardous Substances:** Acetylene.

**Missouri - Employer Information/Toxic Substance List:** Acetylene.

**New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List:** Acetylene.

**North Dakota - List of Hazardous Chemicals, Reportable Quantities:** No.

**Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List:** Acetylene.

**Rhode Island - Hazardous Substance List:** Acetylene.

**Texas - Hazardous Substance List:** No.

**West Virginia - Hazardous Substance List:** No.

**Wisconsin - Toxic and Hazardous Substances:** No.

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT (PROPOSITION 65): Acetylene is not on the California Proposition 65 lists.

### LABELING:

#### **DANGER:**

FLAMMABLE GAS UNDER PRESSURE.  
CAN FORM EXPLOSIVE MIXTURES WITH AIR.  
FUSIBLE PLUGS ON TOP, BOTTOM, OR VALVE MELT AT 208 °F (98-104 °C).  
DO NOT DISCHARGE AT PRESSURES ABOVE 15 PSIG (103 kPa)

#### **ODOR:**

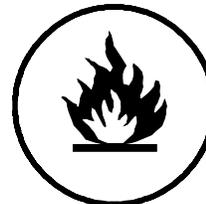
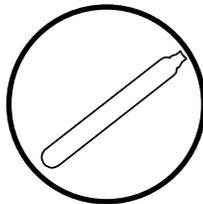
Garlic-like.  
Keep away from heat, flames, and sparks.  
Store and use with adequate ventilation.  
Use equipment rated for cylinder pressure.  
Close valve after each use and when empty.  
Use in accordance with the Material Safety Data Sheet.

#### **NOTE:**

Cylinder contains acetone solvent, which may cause irritation.  
DO NOT REMOVE THIS PRODUCT LABEL

### CANADIAN WHMIS SYMBOLS:

**Class A:** Compressed Gases  
**Class B1:** Flammable Gas



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## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

#### **PREPARED BY:**

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## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

A large number of abbreviations and acronyms appear on a MSDS. Some of these which are commonly used include the following:

**CAS #:** This is the Chemical Abstract Service Number which uniquely identifies each constituent. It is used for computer-related searching.

### EXPOSURE LIMITS IN AIR:

**ACGIH** - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, a professional association which establishes exposure limits.

**TLV** - Threshold Limit Value - an airborne concentration of a substance which represents conditions under which it is generally believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect. The duration must be considered, including the 8-hour Time Weighted Average (**TWA**), the 15-minute Short Term Exposure Limit, and the instantaneous Ceiling Level (**C**). Skin absorption effects must also be considered.

**OSHA** - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**PEL** - Permissible Exposure Limit - This exposure value means exactly the same as a TLV, except that it is enforceable by OSHA. The OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits are based in the 1989 PELs and the June, 1993 Air Contaminants Rule (Federal Register: 58: 35338-35351 and 58: 40191). Both the current PELs and the vacated PELs are indicated. The phrase, "Vacated 1989 PEL," is placed next to the PEL which was vacated by Court Order.

**IDLH** - Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health - This level represents a concentration from which one can escape within 30-minutes without suffering escape-preventing or permanent injury.

**The DFG - MAK** is the Republic of Germany's Maximum Exposure Level, similar to the U.S. PEL. **NIOSH** is the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, which is the research arm of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (**OSHA**). NIOSH issues exposure guidelines called Recommended Exposure Levels (**RELs**). When no exposure guidelines are established, an entry of **NE** is made for reference.

### HAZARD RATINGS:

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM:** Health Hazard: **0** (minimal acute or chronic exposure hazard); **1** (slight acute or chronic exposure hazard); **2** (moderate acute or significant chronic exposure hazard); **3** (severe acute exposure hazard; onetime overexposure can result in permanent injury and may be fatal); **4** (extreme acute exposure hazard; onetime overexposure can be fatal). Flammability Hazard: **0** (minimal hazard); **1** (materials that require substantial pre-heating before burning); **2** (combustible liquid or solids; liquids with a flash point of 38-93°C [100-200°F]); **3** (Class IB and IC flammable liquids with flash points below 38°C [100°F]); **4** (Class IA flammable liquids with flash points below 23°C [73°F] and boiling points below 38°C [100°F]. Reactivity Hazard: **0** (normally stable); **1** (material that can become unstable at elevated temperatures or which can react slightly with water); **2** (materials that are unstable but do not detonate or which can react violently with water); **3** (materials that can detonate when initiated or which can react explosively with water); **4** (materials that can detonate at normal temperatures or pressures).

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION:** Health Hazard: **0** (material that on exposure under fire conditions would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials); **1** (materials that on exposure under fire conditions could cause irritation or minor residual injury); **2** (materials that on intense or continued exposure under fire conditions could cause temporary incapacitation or possible residual injury); **3** (materials that can on short exposure could cause serious temporary or residual injury); **4** (materials that under very short exposure could cause death or major residual injury). Flammability Hazard and Reactivity Hazard: Refer to definitions for "Hazardous Materials Identification System".

### FLAMMABILITY LIMITS IN AIR:

Much of the information related to fire and explosion is derived from the National Fire Protection Association (**NFPA**). Flash Point - Minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off sufficient vapors to form an ignitable mixture with air. Autoignition Temperature: The minimum temperature required to initiate combustion in air with no other source of ignition. LEL - the lowest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source. UEL - the highest percent of vapor in air, by volume, that will explode or ignite in the presence of an ignition source.

### TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Possible health hazards as derived from human data, animal studies, or from the results of studies with similar compounds are presented. Definitions of some terms used in this section are: **LD<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Dose (solids & liquids) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **LC<sub>50</sub>** - Lethal Concentration (gases) which kills 50% of the exposed animals; **ppm** concentration expressed in parts of material per million parts of air or water; **mg/m<sup>3</sup>** concentration expressed in weight of substance per volume of air; **mg/kg** quantity of material, by weight, administered to a test subject, based on their body weight in kg. Data from several sources are used to evaluate the cancer-causing potential of the material. The sources are: **IARC** - the International Agency for Research on Cancer; **NTP** - the National Toxicology Program, **RTECS** - the Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances, **OSHA** and **CAL/OSHA**. IARC and NTP rate chemicals on a scale of decreasing potential to cause human cancer with rankings from 1 to 4. Subrankings (2A, 2B, etc.) are also used. Other measures of toxicity include **TDLo**, the lowest dose to cause a symptom and **TCLo** the lowest concentration to cause a symptom; **TDo**, **LDLo**, and **LDo**, or **TC**, **TCo**, **LCLo**, and **LCo**, the lowest dose (or concentration) to cause lethal or toxic effects. **BEI** - Biological Exposure Indices, represent the levels of determinants which are most likely to be observed in specimens collected from a healthy worker who has been exposed to chemicals to the same extent as a worker with inhalation exposure to the TLV. Ecological Information: EC is the effect concentration in water.

### REGULATORY INFORMATION:

This section explains the impact of various laws and regulations on the material. **EPA** is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **WHMIS** is the Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. **DOT** and **TC** are the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Transport Canada, respectively. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (**SARA**); the Canadian Domestic/Non-Domestic Substances List (**DSL/NDSL**); the U.S. Toxic Substance Control Act (**TSCA**); Marine Pollutant status according to the **DOT**; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (**CERCLA** or **Superfund**); and various state regulations.